

Chase Suspect Arrested in Buncombe

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Thursday evening, Lenoir Police reported that the suspect in a drug deal gone bad was apprehended in Buncombe County—a man suspected of slamming into the main Lenoir Fire Station last month. Chief Scott Brown reports that at approximately 5:59 pm, members of the Lenoir Police Department Narcotics Unit along with officers from McDowell County Sheriff's Office, Black Mountain PD, Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, Marion PD, and the DEA arrested Ryan Oneal Jeffries after locating Jeffries at a gas station in Black Mountain. In spite of the wild chase that was involved in the first encounter, he was taken into custody without incident. Jeffries was brought back to Lenoir and served outstanding warrants for 9 counts of (F) Trafficking Opiates by Possession, Sales, or Transportation, 1 count of (F) Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, and Deliver Cocaine, 1 count of (F) Speeding to Elude Arrest, 1 count of (M) Failure to Heed Lights and Sirens, 1 count of (M) Reckless Driving to Endanger, and 1 count of (M) Driving while License Revoked. He was set a \$250,000.00 secured bond and was placed in the Caldwell County Jail. It was October 8th that Jeffries and Vanessa Mae Snyder were chased down US 321 after an undercover drug sting, the chase ending when their convertible slammed into the Lenoir Fire station causing over \$100,000 damage.